

Mother's Day Speech in Honor of Lance Corporal Jeffrey Lam May 1, 2005

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I used to be envious of my parents. Envious because they grew up with real heroes, heroes like John. F. Kennedy and Franklin Roosevelt, while I grew up with fake ones. Batman, superman, and spiderman to name a few.

Why do I call my heroes fake? Were superman's deeds any less than that of either men? Maybe not, but my definition of a hero does not just involve accomplishing great deeds. My definition of heroisms involves something more, something called sacrifice. Everyone of us here is capable of accomplishing great deeds, few of us are willing to make that sacrifice. Sacrifice. Sacrifice is the willingness to give up something to help another. It can come as small as giving up your lunch money so that a stranger can live another day. And it can come as big as giving up your life so that people you don't even know can live in peace and safety.

I said I used to be envious of my parents. Used to be, but not anymore. Now I have my own hero: Lance Corporal Jeffrey Lam. His selfless courage and eventual sacrifice make him a hero in my eyes. Sure he could not fly like superman, could not climb walls like spiderman, but all that make his deeds that much greater, because in the end he was human like each of us here. And his sacrifice is something neither superman or spiderman can ever do.

I cannot begin to fathom the pain and sorrow the family is going through right now, nor do I know how effective my words of consolation will be. However, if anything, I wish to impart a greater sense of pride in everyone here for your son, and your husband. His story is one of courage and it is a story that will live on in the hearts and minds of the younger generations.

Thank you.

我曾經非常羨慕我的父母。那是因為他們能夠以真正的英雄做為他們的榜樣，像約翰·甘乃迪和 Franklin Roosevelt。而我卻在一個夢幻的環境裡成長；我的榜樣卻是一些不真實的幻想人物，像蜘蛛人、超人和蝙蝠俠等。

我為什麼會說我的英雄都是幻想人物呢？難道超人的成就會比他們心中的英雄差嗎？也許不是。在我的定義裡，真正的英雄不單單要有很大的成就，還要具有更深層的意義；比如說：具有犧牲的精神，我們每個人都有能力可以成就一番事業，但是很少有人願意做出犧牲。犧牲的含義是一個人的意願，敢於放棄他的時間、精力、甚至於他的財產去幫助別人。比如說一個小小的犧牲可以是你把自己買午飯的錢、送給一個陌生的人，讓他能夠渡過新的一天。而大的犧牲呢？就有可能是失去你的生命，去讓其他的人能夠過著和平和安全的生活。

雖然我曾經很羨慕我的父母。但現已不再羨慕。現在我心目中有一個英雄，他就事我們英勇的戰士-林宏呈。他的無私、勇氣跟他最后的犧牲。至使成為我心目中的英雄。是啊！他不能像超人那樣飛翔，也不能像蜘蛛人那樣飛檐走壁，但是就是因為這樣，他的犧牲才顯得更有意義。因為畢竟他是跟我們所有在這裡的人一樣，而不是超人。他的這種極限的犧牲是那些超人所沒有辦法做到的。

我沒有辦法想象他的家人在失去它的時候是如何的悲傷與痛苦，我也沒有辦法知道，我這些安慰的詞句是否有效，但不管怎樣，在這裡我希望我能把我對您兒子/丈夫的自豪感傳達給每一個人。林宏呈的故事- 一個具有勇氣的故事。這故事會歷久彌新的藏在我們這年輕幾代人的心中。